

PROCLAMATION

CLICK IT OR TICKET

Mobilization May 23 – June 5, 2016

WHEREAS, there were 560 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2015; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seatbelt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and


WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participant the nationwide **Click It or Ticket** seat belt mobilization from May 23 – June 5, 2016 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 91% to 93%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

THEREFORE, I, Stephen K. Pote, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby declares support for the **Click It or Ticket** seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 23 – June 5, 2016 and pledge to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

Date: May 5, 2016



Stephen K. Pote, Mayor